

Student Senator Confronted on Campus

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Editor-in-Chief

The student government offices at Milo Bail Student Center were the scene of an alleged assault Tuesday morning, according to a police report and eye witness accounts.

Pete Wetzel, legislative public relations officer for student government, said he was standing outside his office talking to Damien Coran, Arts & Sciences senator, when a woman approached Coran and asked to speak with him.

Wetzel left the two to speak to each other, but when he looked back moments later, the woman was spraying Coran in the eyes with pepper spray. The police report said she was spraying him with mace.

Wetzel said Coran spilled coffee on the woman,

identified in a police report as freshman Dana Sherrod, when he raised his hands to protect his eyes. Sherrod then proceeded to hit Coran on the head with a glass bottle containing tea, according to a police report.

The temporary secretary to student government, Marilyn Modlin, witnessed the incident from her desk. She said she also thought Coran spilled the coffee accidentally, but in the police report, Sherrod told police that she and Coran were arguing and he threw coffee on her.

Wetzel said after the blow to the head Coran "came barreling in the door to my office. I locked the door to protect him."

He said Sherrod continued to bang on the door, trying to open it.

Once inside the office, Wetzel found a bottle of

water with which they tried to clean out Coran's eves.

"His eyes were bright red, like Husker red," Wetzel said. "You couldn't even see retinas."

Wetzel said he called security and the two remained hiding in his office, worried that the assailant may have been armed.

Modlin, who was at her desk near the entrance of student government at the time of the incident, said she didn't notice when Sherrod came in because so many students pass her desk over the course of the day.

"I was just sitting here working," she said. "I turned and saw her (Sherrod) lunge at him."

Modlin said she was not sure if Sherrod hit Coran or the door with the glass bottle, but fragments of the

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Decision Reached on Kiewit Downtown Center

JANET STYFFE

News Ediitor

Several changes will be made to the College of Continuing Studies and UNO's use of the Peter Kiewit Conference Center in downtown Omaha, following more than a year of review by the Outreach Task

"The College of Continuing Studies will focus almost exclusively on administering the BGS (bachelor of general studies) degree," Chancellor Nancy Belck said in a bulletin released Jan. 24.

The administrative offices for the bachelor of general studies program will be moved to the Office of Academic Affairs. John Farr, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, will be dean of the College of Continuing Studies

The space that UNO uses in the conference center will be reduced from 76,600 square feet to about 15,000 square feet, reducing the university's rent for the facility by about \$600,000. The university will work with the state of Nebraska in transitioning the space vacated by UNO, Belck said. When the Peter Kiewit Conference Center opened in December 1980, it housed Metropolitan Technical Community College and 15 government agencies in addition to UNO's Downtown Education Center.

Much of the space retained by UNO will house the Nebraska Business Development Center, the William Brennan Labor Institute and the Center for Public Affairs Research.

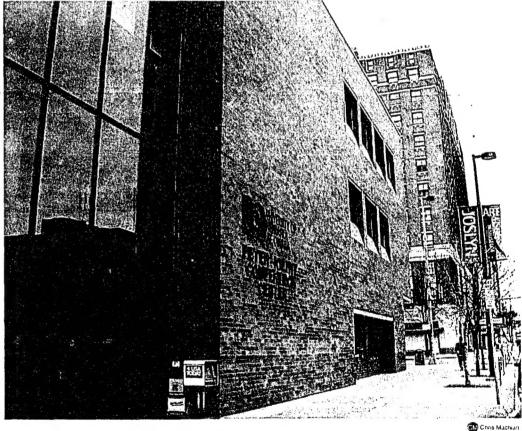
The university will no longer operate conference facilities at the center due to a change in demand. Seven UNO-sponsored conferences were held at the center last year.

Credit courses previously offered at the conference center will return to the main campus. The task force found that 70 percent of the students who take courses at the conference center preferred to enroll on the main campus.

Non-credit courses offered at the center will be significantly reduced. "Since most of these courses are not central to UNOmaha's mission, they will be more appropriately provided by other institutions like Metropolitan Community College," Belck said. UNO will still offer some non credit courses in other locations throughout the Omaha area.

The implementation of these decisions will result in personnel changes in the College of Continuing Studies. Eighteen full-time positions within the college are vacant and will not be filled, Belck said. Of the 22 current employees, seven will move to the main campus with the Bachelor of General Studies program and three will remain at the conference center with the William Brennan Labor Institute. The remainder will be reassigned to other departments where their expertise can be of

"The university is committed to employing all CCS personnel at least through the end of this fiscal year, and it continues to work with affected personnel for internal or external placement," Belck said. She also commended the staff for their cooperation throughout the process.



The Peter Klewit Conference Center, located at 14th and Farnham, opened Dec. 2, 1980. It houses government offices conference facilities. In the coming months, UNO will be vacating approximately

Offutt Airbase Celebrates 50 Years with UNO

RYAN NORRIS

Senior Staff Writer

UNO began bringing classes to the military personnel at Offutt Air Force Base on Jan. 17, 1950. Fifty years later both institutions are celebrating the collaboration with a scholarship luncheon this spring.

A group of two hundred students attended the first classes. Since then the partnership evolved and ultimately the Bachelor's Degree of General Studies was offered so that military personnel and their dependents could earn a degree without leaving the

The partnership began because World War II disrupted the educational plans of many military service men who participated in that war.

"A degree program was developed for the adult learner, which opened up the opportunity for many service people to go on Operation Bootstrap," said Larry Winkler, director of academic programs in the college of continuing studies. "The military would assign them on temporary duty here to the Omaha area and their job was to go to school and finish there degrees that they started earlier."

The partnership continues to thrive today and a variety of courses are offered.

"We're ready to continue for another fifty years," Winkler said. "Because there are two things that aren't go away one is the need for national defense and the other is the need for education."

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Do You Believe in UFOs? **Professor Kasher Does**

ALIZA ANVARI

Staff Writer

Trivia Question: What physics professor has worked at UNO for over 32 years, joined the Jesuits when he was a

teenager and believes in the existence of UFOs? Answer: Professor Jack Kasher.

Kasher was raised in Omaha and attended Creighton Prep as a young student. When he was 18 years old, he left town and joined the Jesuits. Later in life he completed his doctorate in physics at Boston College and came back to Omaha where he currently is.

Kasher was attracted to physics because he had always had an interest in the field and in mathematics. He felt that it was a good fit for him.

Another comfortable fit with Kasher is frank and open discussions about alien intelligence.

On Feb. 10, the Omaha Press Club Educational Forum Series will feature Kasher as a guest speaker on the subject. He recently shared his thoughts on the topic.

"I think extra-terrestrials are actually here on earth visiting our planet. There is a great deal of evidence to support that, including pictures and documents. It is important that people take the UFO. question seriously. If extra-terrestrials really are here, then it would be one of the most significant events in the history of mankind.'

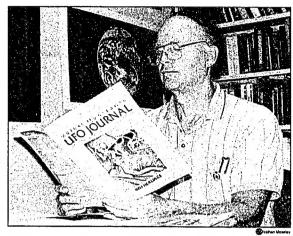
When asked about the significance and applications of physics in our lives, Kasher was enthusiastic.

"I think that the current technology revolution has a lot of connections with physics and that physics will continue to drive those changes in the future. Technology has become so advanced that we will just be amazed at what the next

century will bring. Physics really is one of the driving forces in our lives whether we realize it or not. For this reason, I think it is really important that people really understand physics."

One popular TV show that many of students are familiar with is "The X-Files". When asked whether or not he was a fan, Kasher said, "I enjoy science-fiction and read a little bit of it, but I think the UFO question is more interesting because it is real and it is here, too."

Anyone interested in attending the Omaha Press Club noon luncheon where Kasher will lecture should contact him at 554-3730 for more information.



Professor Kasher will share his alien existence views at the Omaha Press Club Luncheon on Feb. 10.

NEWS BRIEFS

Tibetan Groups Seek Residency For Teen Monk Tribune News Services

NEW DELHI, INDIA — A coalition of 37 Tibetan organizations on Monday urged the government to allow an influential 14-year-old monk to remain in India.

The 17th Karmapa Lama arrived in India this month after fleeing Tibet. He has been living near Dharmsala, the Dalai Lama's headquarters.

The Sikkim state's Joint Action Committee said the Karmapa should be allowed to live in the Rumtek monastery in the northeastern state of Sikkim, where his predecessor established the seat of the Karma Kagyu sect after he left Tibet In 1959.

Kunzang Sherab, the committee's president, said the group has received no response to written requests and now plans to meel Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee to talk about the Karmapa.

Elevator Cable Snaps in NY Building

TMS Campus

NEW YORK - An Empire State Building elevator with two people aboard plunged 40 stories Monday before a safety system finally stopped the car on the fourth floor.

The man and woman aboard were not seriously

The elevator — which was last inspected May 19 and passed inspection — plunged after a cable, which adjusts the weight of the car, snapped, according to Howard Rubenstein, a building spokesman.

All 64 elevators in the landmark have been scheduled for inspections this week, he said.

The 102-story building at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 34th Street handles millions of tourists each year and thousands of people work inside, including the two passengers who were onboard when it plunged.

Shameka Peterson and Joe Masorac different offices on the 44th floor, reportedly got on the elevator Monday afternoon and pressed a button for

After the cabin plunged 40 stories and stopped on the fourth floor, maintenance workers rode up in an adjacent elevator, pried open an emergency hatch and guided the pair across a beam to safety.

Coach Suspected of Molesting Disabled Teen by Adolfo Mendez TMS Campus

GREEN BAY, Wis. (TMS) A 28-year-old teacher's aid who also worked as a high school socoer coach has been charged with molesting a mentally disabled teen at West High School.

Timuthy Spencer posted \$5,000 ball after he was

charged Monday, Jan. 24, in Circuit Court with three counts of sexual assault by school instructional staff and one count of child enticement. He's scheduled to appear before a judge Feb. 2.

Spencer is the third teacher in the Green Bay School District to be charged in the last 10 months with

sex offenses against students.

The others were: Marnie Staehly, a former Southwest High volunteer assistant girls basketball coach, and Kent Paulsen, a former music teacher at Southwest High. Staehly was sentenced in December to five years probation and 500 hours of community service for fondling two female athletes, while Paulsen faces trial May 1 for allegedly exposing himself to a female student.

During the two years Spencer worked at West High School, he took an extracurricular position as a soccer

coach at Southwest High School But he quit his job in June 1999, according to John Wilson, asst. to the supt. for Human Resources.

Wilson said that each year, students and teachers are given literature explaining appropriate and inappropriate relationships. He also said the district conducts criminal background checks on all prospective employees, but he was not sure if Spencer was hired before such checks pecame routine.

Supreme Court Upholds Capping Campaign Donations

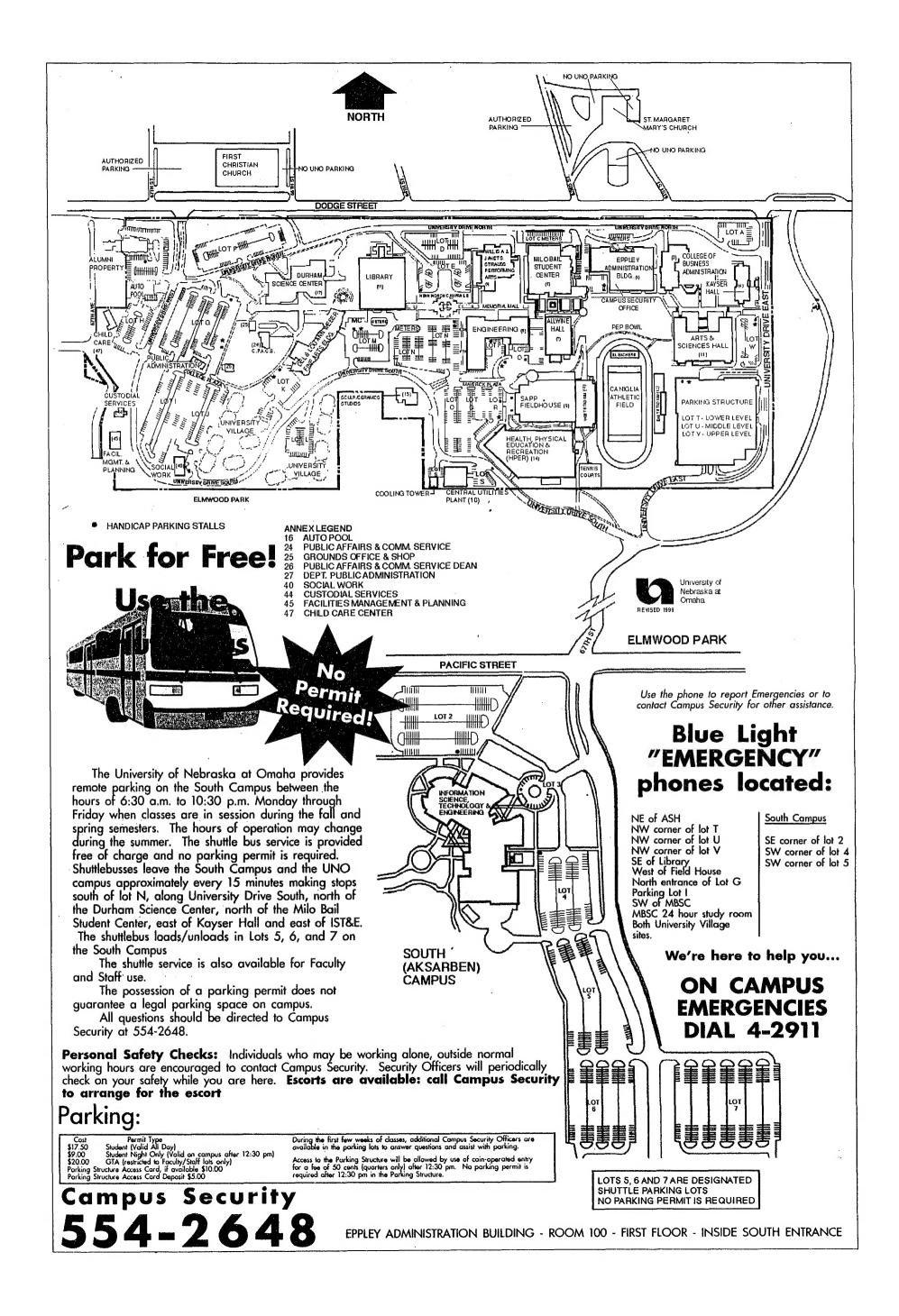
by Kevin Murphy

Knight-Ridder Tribune WASHINGTON — In a

ribune
In a ruling helpful to efforts to reduce the role of money in politics, the Supreme Court on Monday upheld a Missouri campaign contribution limit of \$1,075.

The court ruled 6-3 that Missouri's restriction on donations does not inhibit free speech. A different finding could have undermined limits in some 30 other states as well as the \$1,000 cap on personal contributions in presidential and congressional races.

Essentially, the court reaffirmed its landmark 1976 ruling that the limit on federal races was an appropriate way to keep big donations from corrupting politics.



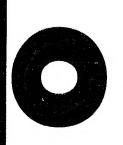




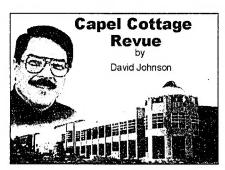








Cruisin' the News



New Army Slogan, New Army Image

The United States Army has announced it is dropping its "Be all you can be" slogan after a 20-year run. Recruiters are having a difficult time enticing young men and women into the armed forces and it is felt a change of image might help. In fact, the Army is eight percent below recruitment required to operate and is edging toward desperation.

How about this one: "Army -- you've always wanted to be in a war zone over the holidays."

McEnviroment

in a push to become more environmentally aware, McDonald's Corporation has announced it intends to cut energy by 10 percent in its restaurants over the next few years.

I don't know ... as slow as some of their front counter people are, a 10 percent energy cut might lead to coma.

Headline News

A recent headline in a local newspaper read: "Grants to Put Police in Four High Schools."

Maybe they are there to take race relations classes.

Alpha Theta Lorena

A 19-year-old freshman was shot in the groin with a BB gun during a fraternity hazing at the University of Michigan. The fraternity chapter has been suspended pending investigation.

Kinda puts new meaning to the term "pea shooter" doesn't it?

Calling All Goat Tossers

The annual Festival of St. Vincent in Manganeses de la Polvorosa will take place, but the traditional tossing of the goat from the bell tower event has been canceled, thanks to the intervention of ani-

If this ultra-left extremism keeps up, the next thing you know is they'll make us quit tossing our mothers-in-law off bridges. Sheesh!

The Clinton Legacy

David S. Broder is a syndicated columnist whose columns sometimes appear in the Omaha World-Herald. In January he wrote about the upcoming presidential campaign and the legacy the current Prez would leave behind. His column was entitled: "Clinton Has Left A Stain."

Heck, I though Monica had that dress

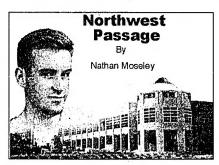
And the Goof-Off Award Goes To ...

A recent Harris Poll for American Demographics found that 42 percent of Americans earning more than \$50,000 a year have faked an illness to get out of work. In fact, college-educated workers are more likely than high school graduates to lie about being sick in order to miss a shift.

I knew there was a perk to this college degree stuff.

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Hurricane Elian



Elian. If you don't already recognize the name, start getting to know it because it may be the name that could cause mass destruction in the Caribbean and the Eastern United States, if not more wide spread than

It is a massive storm that has formed off the southern coast of Florida and has intensified to cover all of Cuba and parts of the American east coast.

It has already snarled traffic in Miami and most of Cuba, has put the American judicial system in shambles and it threatens to close down the Miami International Airport.

Contrary to what you might think I am not talking about a hurricane, although the aftermath may show signs of one.

The Cuban-born storm that I am talking about is a 6 year-old boy named Elian Gonzalez.

Who could think that a one little boy could cause such problems within the United States.

It has all of the branches of government pitted against one another in a noholds barred custody battle.

You have Janet Reno on one side

saying the boy has to go, and then you have Congress giving him a subpoena to keep him in the United States.

In case you are in the dark on this whole issue, I will enlighten you with my knowledge

Over the Thanksgiving holiday fishermen found a little boy floating on an inner tube off the coast of Florida after him and his mother tried to escape Cuba for American soil.

Unfortunately the boy's mother died en route. This is where the situation gets

Relatives of Elian, living in the United States are trying to win custody of the boy, even though the boy's father is alive in Cuba.

To me this is a no brainer.

Send the boy back to Cuba, he is not a United States citizen, and if his mother would have survived and they would have been caught by the INS, they would have been shipped back to Cuba just as fast as they came to the United

I realize more and more how much pride American's really have, and nothsee ELIAN HURRICANE, page 6

Small-town Girl Seeks Adventure in The Big World

Christine Hollister

When I was in high school, and even into my first years of college, I was scared to death of just about everything. Driving, fire, death, school and airplanes were just a few of my fears.

My University of Nebraska-Lincoln adviser had a solution

for my problem. "What you need, Christine, is to go on an adventure," he said. "But I will warn you now, that once you go, you will be addicted."

And so my adventures began.

I left behind my boyfriend, family and all of my friends and moved up north to Minneapolis.

I got a job working in marketing and public relations at Catholic Charities and as a waitress as a local bar. I made friends with a girl who liked to go to Goth clubs and biker bar/coffee houses. A little different than going out to Katy's Old Town Saloon with my preppy friends in my home town of Doniphan, Neb.

Upon my return, in addition to my new Minnesota accent and a newfound liking for Minnesota sports teams, pleather and warm clothes, I also returned with a much bells and sequins on!

improved attitude on I'll Try (Almost) life. And, just as my **Anything Once** adviser had told me I would be, I was now and forever to be hooked on adventure.

I broke up with my boyfriend and moved to Omaha to pursue my dream of being a writer and photogra-

And now that I am stuck here in the big "O" for another year and a half, I've decided to make the best of it and invent my own

Each week in the Gateway, I will write about a new adventure. Some of the stories you can look forward to are belly dancing, trying out for a play, hunting and posing for a life drawing class.

If you happen to have any fun or crazy ideas for future stories, just E-mail me at chollister@gateway.unomaha.edu. remember that key work in the title of my column-almost. Please no perverted or just plain stupid ideas-thanks. And I just want to get one thing out of the way right now-you will never, ever get me to go skydiving, so don't even think about it!

See you all next week-I'll be there with

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"What is your home remedy for a cold or the flu?"



"Chicken soup and prange juice.

-Thn Jensen, sophomere



"I don't like taking commercial medicines, so I like alternative medicine like herbs, vitamins, and homemade chicken soup."

-Mallory Prucha, freshman



"What I usually do, if nobody's home, I have a cup of tea and listen to Simon and Garfunkel. Isn't that weird?"

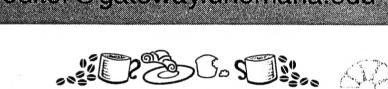
-Megan Mullen, sophomore



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Factors May Cause Cancer

ZAHRA CHEEMA

Features Editor

While modern medicine can care for many things, serious illnesses still exist without a cure. One such disease is cancer, which claims the lives of thousands each year.

The American Cancer Society of the Heartland Division has suspected that exposure to some environmental factors may be causing cancer. Scientists have already suspected that environmental factors such as smoking, diet and infectious diseases as well as chemicals and radiation in homes and in the workplace cause about three quarters of all cancer cases

The concentration of these factors depends strongly on the level of harm that they can do to a person.

The American Cancer Society has listed four environmental factors that are suspected of causing can-

Chemicals and radiation are one of these factors. It has been said that some chemicals such as benzene and asbestos show definite evidence of causing cancer. Ultra violet radiation also is a definite cause of cancer. Another less known cancer-causing chemical is radon. Radon exposure in the home is dangerous. In lung cancer risk, smoking increases the effect of radon exposure.

Pesticides are another cancer-causing factor. They are used in food producing in agriculture, and high doses of pesticides have caused cancer in animals. Usually such small concentrations found in some foods, do not have much risk. The American Cancer Society has actually found that people who eat more fruits and vegetables are at lower risk of getting cancer than people who do not eat fruits and vegetables.

Another environmental factor which may cause cancer is toxic waste. These dumps not only pollute the air, but the water and soil. These toxic chemicals in high amounts are found to cause cancer. In the future, controlling toxic materials will be essential for healthy living.

The last cancer-causing factor according to the American Cancer Society is nuclear power plants. lonizing radiation emitted from nuclear plants pose a threat. The radiation, though dangerous, does not pose a serious threat in small amounts.

Many chemicals cause cancer, however; they are not very dangerous until present in large amounts.

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Environmental Rock Bands: In a Class of Their Own

CANDACE HORTON

Staff Writer

"There was also Boy George. He was cross dressing and proud of it at a time when it was not accepted. He never hid in the closet," Bergman said.

Many students also commented on Marilyn Manson and his strange behavior.

"He has major issues," sophomore Lisa Layman said. "I heard that he had some of his ribs removed so that he could provide himself self-pleasure. I also heard that he had breast augmentation. Like I said, he has major issues."

Junior Melody Peters also thought Manson was "a little strange." attention to himself doing these outrageous things. No matter who you ask, everyone has an opinion about him," Peters said. Before Manson, there were a few stars who did some strange things. Ozzy Osborne

remember that he bit the head off a chick-

of them .

appears to be one

en or something," junior Angela Atkinson said. "I thought that that was a little strange.

Many contemporary artist continue to express themselves in different ways.

"I remember when the Red Hot Chili Peppers gave their 'almost nude' concert. I thought that was pretty strange," Peters said.

Doing strange things pulls in an audience's attention. They may or may not like some of the antics of rock stars, but the stars will eventually get a good deal of press.

Strange fads have always passed into and out of the lives of teens. The biggest and most impressionable of all the fads seem to be the rock stars that teens worshipped and parents hated. They paraded themselves through videos on MTV. Each group had something that was unique to it. They had or did one outra-

geous thing to get people to notice them. "I think that the worst of all the bands was Van Halen. The lead guy (David Lee Roth) was just way out there," student Bob Johnson said. "He always had the girls though." UNO senior Angie Bergman noted

another strange artist Cyndi Lauper.

"She had piercings and wore clothes that didn't match. She also had a partially shaved head and orange hair," Bergman

said. "Cyndi was unconventional at a time when people were not expecting it."

'Madonna has always been unconventional and unusual," sophomore Natasha Patterson said. "Another one was Humpty Hump."

He is best remembered for wearing glasses that made his nose look big and singing about the "Humpty Dance." "He was just in a class all by himself," Patterson said.

Many other unique people stand out in students'

CAPEL COTTAGE NEWS

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No More Mary Jo Kopeckne Jokes

Arkansas is issuing license plates beginning with the letters "DWI." Not surprisingly, many motorists are upset and have returned them. The State Department of Motor Vehicles said it will add "DWI" to the list of banned letter combinations along with "DAM," "SEX," "FATt," and "PIG."

Hmmmmm DWI DAM SEX FAT PIG - isn't that Ted Kennedy's license plate?

How Much Does Nothing Weigh?

In order to answer a question surrounding the expansion of the universe, scientists need to know if nothing actually weighs something. The problem stems from the fact that distant galaxies are apparently being swept apart by a vast amount of ... nothing. Einstein pondered the question 70 years ago: How much does emptiness in a perfect vacuum weigh?

The answer, of course, is simple. Cut open George W. Bush's head and put his brain on a kitchen

ELIAN HURRICANE

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ing shows it better than this controversy with Elian.

American's assume that their beloved country is paradise on earth, and they also like to believe that everyone wants to be a part of this great nation.

But I have news for these patriots. Life isn't always better once you cross the American border.

True, Elian might get a better education here than he would in his native Cuba, and that might make him for successful, but that would only make him successful in our

Something totally different than that of Cuba.

I am sure that many Cubans live happy lives even if they don't have the best education or the most money. Sometimes I think "ignorant" people are much happier than the "intelligent" people.

And what about his father, does he lose all rights to his son because his mom made a run for the border. Does he not deserve to see his son every day of his life?

This weekend Elian's grandmothers flew into New York to plead with the American public to get their grandson back.

And on the opposite side of things Cuban-Americans living in Miami said that they will protest strongly and even

threaten to close down the Miami International Airport if they try and send the boy back.

All of this for a six year old boy.

Why should this boy get special privileges that other Cubans have not. Are we going to change our international policy toward refugees?

Perhaps we should post a sign at all borders stating, "Come one, come all!" (I would also like to have that in Spanish if anyone knows how to say it

Where have our priorities gone?

Have we cured hunger in the United States yet?

Have we eliminated all drugs and gangs?

Do we not still have people living in slums within our bor-

Well then why don't we spend our time and money worrying about more important issues.

I think it is time the United States government conceded in this matter. All the reasons point to the fact that this boy should be back in Cuba, except American pride has clouded the vision of everyone involved on the United States side.

God Bless America!

STUDENT SENATE ATTACK

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glass flew as far as her desk.

Modlin said she was not worried as the incident was taking place, "but when I heard her (Sherrod) say 'you'd better watch your car' I knew it was time to call security."

She said she calmly walked over to Jan Brittenham, staff secretary for Student Programming Organization, and asked her to call security.

"I casually walked over to Jan's desk," Modlin said. "I didn't want to run over there because I didn't want her (Sherrod) to feel threatened."

Treasurer Mike Irwin entered the student government office as incident took place. He said after awhile, Sherrod discontinued kicking at the door and yelling and walked out of the office. He followed her from a distance as she progressed to the north entrance of Milo Bail. Security entered the building as Sherrod passed the information desk. Irwin pointed her out and security detained her.

According to Irwin, Sherrod walked very calmly. He thought that if he had not pointed her out to security, because of her calm manner they may not have noticed her.

Sherrod was brought back to the student government office where she was held by security until police arrived.

Modlin and Wetzel both said that, as Coran was being taken to student health services, Sherrod yelled out to him, saying, "This isn't over yet," and "You'd better watch your car."

Sherrod was not arrested, but according to the police report a warrant advisory card was issued to Coran.

According to Wetzel, Coran was later taken away in an ambulance.

Modlin said Vance Valerio, vice chancellor of student affairs, was present at Sherrod's questioning. Valerio was not available to comment at the time of this report.

According to the university's student code of conduct, "physically abusing or threatening to physically abuse any person" and "conduct which is unreasonably dangerous to the health or safety of other persons or to oneself" is "sanctionable conduct."

In the case of sanctionable conduct, student services may investigate the incident and can choose to

take formal or informal actions. Formal actions consist of any of the following: written reprimand, disciplinary probation, suspension, or expulsion. Informal action includes "oral remonstrance" and no record is kept of the action.

"We know (the incident) wasn't student government related," Wetzel said.

"This could've happened anywhere on campus," Irwin said. "It just happened that Damien is a student senator and he was here at the time."

Irwin also said he will do what he can to forward the student services investigation.

"I'm going to push very hard for this girl (Sherrod) to be removed from the university," he said. "I think it is irrational behavior when anybody does this on university property. They should not be allowed back."

Neither Coran nor Sherrod were available the time of this report.



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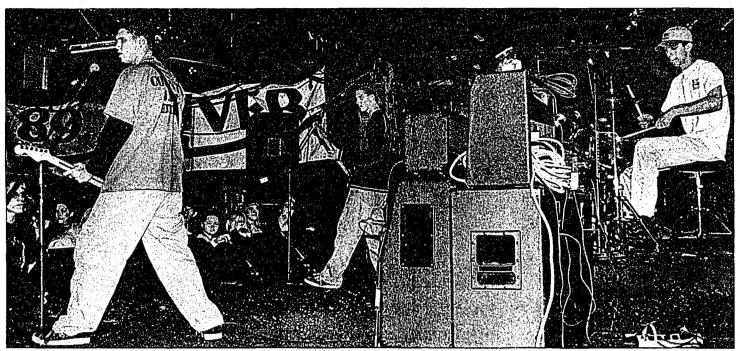
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Local Band Rocks to Their Own Beat

Local Music Spotlight by Rae Licari



From left: Doug Wright, Matt Mixan and Bryan Manley jam at a recent concert at the Ranch Bowl.

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Ass Backwards likes to be contrary.

"Someone once told us not to use that name, so naturally we thought that was a good enough reason to go ahead and use it. We like to think we do everything in an 'ass backwards' manner, so part of it is kind of a joke to us," said Matt Mixan, bassist and backing vocalist for Ass Backwards.

Oppositions aside, the Omaha trio which includes Mixan, guitarist and vocalist Doug Wright and drummer Bryan Manley, pound out a serious strain of rock that Mixan describes as "hard rock with a strong punk influence."

Mixan, who attends UNO, along with Wright, a former UNO student, and Manley, who attends the University of Nebraska Lincoln, all share the same influence of music. Those influences include such bands as Bad Religion, Rancid, the Offspring, Green Day and the Sex Pistols. Ass Backwards was formed nearly two years ago.

some prodding, Bryan talked Doug into coming over and jamming with him. It just seemed like a good idea at the time," Mixan said.

So far, the response around town has been positive for the band.

"Doug and Bryan had a free period together in high school. After

"We're all in this for a good time. More and more people are coming out to shows at the Ranch Bowl and having a blast, too," Mixan said.

Mixan noted that the band will release its first studio effort, a six-

song E.P. called "Road To Nowhere," sometime in February.

The members of the band seem to be developing strong relations with their fan base.

"The good thing about local music is that some of these kids use the bands to latch onto. Because we're a local band, it becomes more of an underground thing to the kids who listen to that sort of music and makes everybody feel like they're a part of it," Mixan said.

Talented Mr. Ripley Displays Young Actors' Talents

Movie Review by Ana Merizalde

From the very beginning,"The Talented Mr. Ripley" displays the depth and psychosis of the title character with remarkable subtlety. From Matt Damon's portrayal of Tom Ripley, a piano tuner who lives in a dank New York basement, to the cinematography, "Ripley" reminds us that evil wears many masks.

The story begins with Tom Ripley meeting the parents of a character named Dickie. Dickie's father, thinking Tom Ripley knows his son, hires Ripley to bring his son back to New York

With Tom Ripley's trip to Italy financed with Dickie's father's money, Ripley is somewhat pitted against Dickie from the beginning.

Scary movies give evil a face that is easily recognizable. The bad guy tends to display his cruelty out in front from the onset by the way he treats other people. Because of outward cruelty, the good guys spot them quickly, allowing justice to prevail. In "Ripley" the bad guy is much harder to recognize and is only subtly eluded to.

What makes "Ripley" especially chilling is

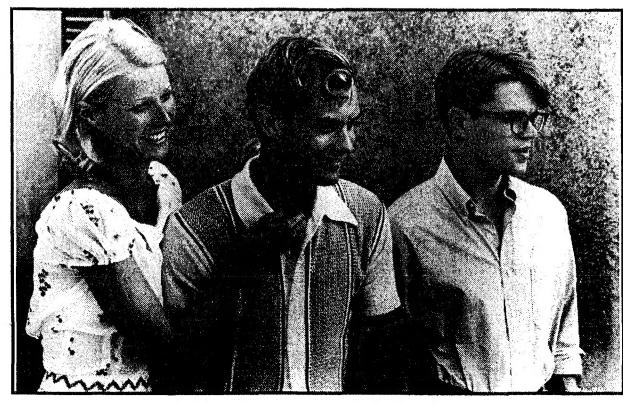
that if pushed hard enough, even someone like the stiff, mild-mannered Tom Ripley is capable of unspeakable atrocities. Even more chilling is the only thing that motivated Tom Ripley to commit these unspeakable acts is he was envious of his friend's wealth and privelage.

Jude Law and Gwyneth Paltrow do well with what they are given considering that they both are virtually eclipsed by Damon's chilling performance. Law works well as the typical, overindulged, good-looking, trust fund squan-

dering jock.

Paltrow is perfect at being Dickie's equally priveleged fiance. However, Paltrow's character, "Marge" is hardly a stretch from Paltrow's character in a perfect murder. Both characters are well off and the only one who thinks to dig deeper into the mystery.

At times the movie can lag a tiny bit, and the other characters are insignificant in comparison to Tom Ripley. However, this is probably one of the scariest movies we'll ever see, because it isn't far removed from reality.



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HOROSCOPES

by Madame Zora

AQUARIUS

(January 20 - February 18)

Drive safely. Eat right. Exercise regularly. Manage your time. Study hard. Do you think the media is trying to tell us something?

PISCES

(February 19 - March 20)

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ARIES

(March 21 - April 19)

All week long you will be searching for word that rhyme with Aries. Let me help you out - dairies, Larry's, berries, Carrie's, Jerry's, Ben and Jerry's, Harry's, ferries, inquiries, Terry's....

TAURUS

(April 20 - May 20)

Have you ever wondered how Sean Connery would say Osh Kosh B'Gosh? Think it over a while.

GEMINI

(May 21 - June 21)

You have always pitied yourself. No matter what happens, you find a way to feel sorry for yourself. Well get over it.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Did you hear that?! Shh. Listen. There it is again. It's coming closer and closer. Oh no,

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(July 23 - August 22)

Your power juice this week is passion fruitcranberry-orange. Go out and buy several gallons — stock up your fridge. Drink at least five glasses a day - you need the boost.

VIRGO

(August 23 - September 22)

You hate your ambitions. You are reaching for a future that just isn't reaching back at you. It's time to hang up the crown and cap.

LIBRA

(September 23 - October 23)

Leaping into a sea of sparkling light pink water is how all your dreams have been starting this week. You have no idea what it means. You have probably just been drinking too much pink lemonade.

SCORPIO

(October 24 - November 21)

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SAGITTARIUS

(November 22 - December 21)

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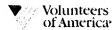
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by Brandon Pappas



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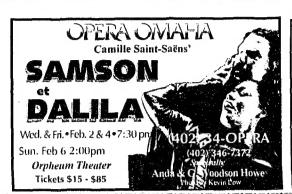
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UNO Shows Strength at Nebraska Open

KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

Maverick runner Adrienne Danner finished the Nebraska Open in Lincoln, Neb., with a first-place showing in the 400-meter dash while many of her teammates came out of the day registering low times as well.

The UNO track and field team traveled down I-80 last Saturday to test its strength against other Division I and II schools.

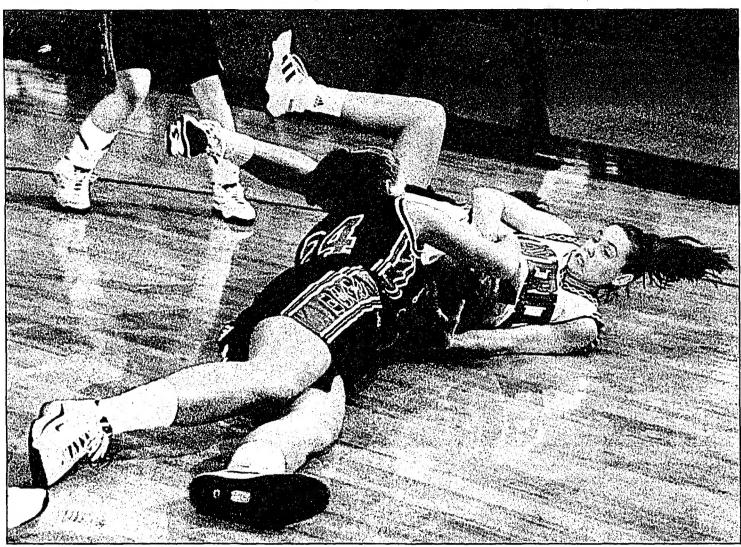
Danner was the only Maverick to walk away from the meet with a gold medal, winning the 400 with a time of 58.71. Niki Dorcas received silver in the mile with a time of 5:08.64. Natalie Malone was right behind her in third place with a time of 5:09.26.

The 4x400 relay team of Missy Dammann, Amber Nielson, Syd Merz and Danner also finished second with a time of 3:59.22.

Bronzes for the Mavs went to Malone in the 800-meter run (2:18.33)and Jessi Brown in the 1000 meters (3:04.14).

Carly Lambert finished fourth in both the 60 and 200-meter dashes, while Syd Merz (400 meters), Amy Parsons (800 meters), Dorcas (1000 meters) and Suzanne Larson (high jump) all finished fourth in their events.

The team travels to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs to compete in the Western Collegiate Invite today and tomor-



Kim Birkel, senior, wrestles for a loose ball against St. Cloud opponent. Birkel, the team's emotional leader, was the NCC codefensive player of the year last season as well as NCC All-Academic.

Mavs Take on Northern Colorado

AMY M. MUHLBAUER

Staff Writer

Head Coach Paula Buscher and the UNO women's basketball team will play one conference game this weekend to wrap up the first round of North Central Conference matches. Northern Colorado will come to Omaha hoping to build upon its 12-5, 5-3 NCC record. The game tips off at 6 p.m. in the Sapp Fieldhouse.

The Bears are coming off a huge victory over the conference's top team, the South Dakota State Jackrabbits. Northern Colorado pulled off the 83-73 upset over SDSU last weekend, the first time the Bears had beaten the Jackrabbits in team history.

The Mavericks will go into Saturday's matchup trying to improve their 4-4 NCC record. UNO is coming off two tough road losses last weekend to Augustana and South Dakota State.

UNO lost both of its games against Northern Colorado last season. During the teams' first meeting, UNO took a 97-57 beating. The Bears held a 15-point lead after the first 12 minutes of play, and didn't allow Buscher's squad to get back into the game. UNO could not compensate for 27 turnovers, and shot only 35 percent from the field.

In the second meeting, UNO played Northern Colorado in a much closer match, but their performance still wasn't good enough to post the victory. Had it not been for a slow first-half start, the Mavs may not have suffered that 69-62 loss.

Northern Colorado leads the all-time series record. UNO has only won eight out of the 23 games between these two teams.

Look for the Mavericks to be thinking revenge after losing both games to Northern Colorado last year and having a difficult time on the road last weekend.

UNO Athletes Recieve Kudos From Omaha Sportscasters Association

Senior Staff Writer

A lot of people say they are athletes, but one often wonders who the "real" athletes are. Are they someone who leads their team in scoring? Someone who is the best at their sport but never really needs to work at it? Or is it someone who simply works hard every day at practice day in and day out?

I don't think anyone ever claims to have the exact answer to that question, but a lot of people honor the women and men who they think fit the bill. Last Thursday I attended the 34th Annual Omaha Sportscasters' Association Banquet. This is when, you guessed it, the Omaha Sportscasters Association gives their awards to Nebraska ath-

First of all, I was pretty excited to attend the event because I would

meet all of Omaha's fine sports broadcasters - that is what do "when I grow up," as the phrase goes. The dinner was nice and then they moved to the awards ceremony.

I am proud to report that four of the special recognition awards were given to UNO athletes, and even more proud to report that one of those athletes still has eligibility left. Chris Bober (football), Tara Buzzell (softball), Tracy Ankeny (volleyball) and Darcy Stracke (basketball) all were given special recognition awards.

UNO wrestler Braumon Creighton was picked as co-sportsman of the year along with Ralph Brown of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln football team.

Creighton was very pleased to receive the award after leading the Maverick wrestling team to a second-place finish in last year's NCAA

Swim Team Splashes Mavericks to Into Season

Ferris' Wheel

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BRIAN BRASHAW

Staff Writer

KATIE RATCLIFF

Senior Staff Writer

Having not competed in three weeks, the UNO swimming and diving team finally gets back into the pool when it travels to St. Louis, Mo., to participate in the Washington Invitational this Friday and Saturday.

The team's last competition against the University of Nebraska-Kearney Jan. 8 was UNO's final home dual. They beat the Lopers 156-102. That meet was the first of

the season for reigning North Central Conference Rookie Of The Year and All-American Tasha Soby.

This weekend's competition will be the last for the Mavs until the NCC Diving Championships on Feb. 12 and the NCC Swimming Championships from Feb. 17 to

This weekend's action starts at 6 p.m. on Friday and will conclude on Saturday at 11 a.m. UNO finished fifth at the NCC Championships last year and fourteenth overall in the NCAA Division II.

to Big Rapids, Mich. to take on the Ferris State Bulldogs.

The Mavericks fourth conference opponent in a row will be a major test. UNO, who is fighting for playoff position, currently ranks eighth in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association. Ferris State ranks in sixth place in the conference but leads UNO by just one point. Four points will be exchanged this weekend in the two-game series. UNO could find themselves as high as fifth or as low as tenth.

The University of Nebraska-Omaha hockey team piles

up frequent flyer miles again this weekend when they travel

The Mavericks will ride the goalie stick of sophomore Rodney McLeod who has posted some of the best goaltending in a three-year period with his performances in the past four games. McLeod boasts a .943 save percentage and a 2.25 goals against average during those last four games, which include wins over CCHA No. 2 Michigan State and CCHA No. 4 Lake Superior State. More impressive is that McLeod faced the second most shots in a fourgame stretch (157) in team history.

"Ferris has reloaded with young offensive talent and they have a strong defensive corps," Head Coach Mike Kemp

Ferris State's leading scorer, senior Brian McCullough, has posted 12 goals and 14 assists for the Bulldogs this season for a 26 point total while the Mavericks leading scorer Alan Carr has registered a 9-12-21 mark. UNO will return to the Civic next weekend to play host to tenth-ranked CCHA opponent Bowling Green.

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Division II wrestling tournament. He was a two-time national champion at 134 and 141 pounds. Creighton also was a four-time All-American during his 151-27 career at UNO. He is now in his first season as an assistant coach for his old team.

A first-team all-America selection by Daktronics and the Football Gazette, Chris Bober anchored a huge and talented offensive line last year. He played center, tackle and guard during his career for the Mavericks and was named the North Central Conference most valuable offensive lineman and received NCC honorable mention and all-Nebraska NCAA II through his five years. He was unable to attend the awards ceremony because the football banquet was also being held on Thursday.

Even with all her credentials, Tara Buzzell felt humbled by the special recognition she received during the

"The first thing I thought about is how I stood out at UNO or throughout the state," she said. "I know there are other great all around athletes, so I always wonder what made them pick me. It is a nice feeling and I feel very fortunate whenever I receive any award.'

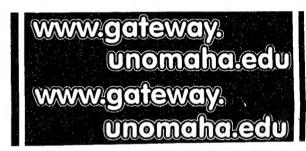
Buzzell is no amateur at receiving awards. Throughout her career, she was named NCAA Woman of the Year for Nebraska and also received the 1999 Stan Marshall Award. That award is picked by the NCC and is given to a male and female athlete from Nebraska.

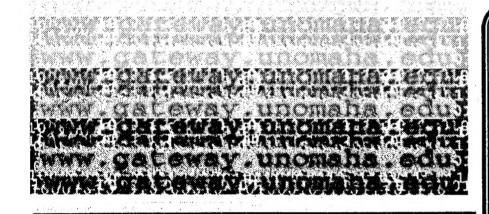
Another female athlete honored from UNO was volleyball player Tracy Ankeny. She was all-conference for the NCC and was an All American. She was named player of the week for the conference for her work as a left side hitter for the lady Mavs team.

"I was very honored to receive the award," Ankeny said. "It was nice to be one of the athletes chosen for the special recognition.'

The last Maverick athlete recognized Thursday night was Darcy Stracke of the women's basketball team. Stracke was unable to attend the banquet as well because her team was on the road for the weekend. Stracke played basketball at the University of Nebraska-Kearney before she came to UNO. While there she was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Player of the Year and earned first team All-American honors before ending her season on Feb. 26 due to an ACL knee injury. She was the second leading scorer in NCAA Il and the leading scorer in the RMAC, averaging 24.3 points per game. Stracke set UNK records for singleseason scoring (679), career steals (292), points in a game (43) and assists in a game (14).

Congrats to all those winning UNO student-athletes. I'm looking forward to next year's banquet.







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- 1. Sugar Ray's Ballers 2. The Fun Police
- 5. Hog Wild
- 4. Big "A" Ballers
- 5. Theta Chi B
- 6. Lucky You
- 7. University Village Rays
- 8. Pigs
- 9. Wolfpack
- 10. Team Donkey

Comments: Congratulations to Sugar Ray's Ballers! Now go do something with that. Hopefully, the can meet The Fun Police in the tournament to renew their 7. Sig Ep A fierce rivalry, kind of like pay-per-view or something. Anyway, THE ROCK doesn't really know any of these 9. Green Bandits ther teams, so your guess is as good as mine. "By

the way, ROCK, Pimp'l, why don't you guys rate more fraternity teams in the top ten?" Well, when they can show up in the tournament and beat somebody who isn't also in the fraternity league, then we'll talk. Until then, know your role . . . and leave the ratings to THE ROCK and Da pimp'1!!!

A LEAGUE TOP TEN For 5x5 Basketball

As determined by THE ROCK and Da Pimp'!!!!

- (Preseason Rankings)
- 1. Underwood
- 2. Old School 3. Diversity II
- 4. Hooters
- 5. Mad Skillz
- 6. Cash Money
- 8. Outkast
- ' 10. Ballaholics

Comments: Finally, THE ROCK, HAS COME BACK TO ... rate the top ten. This session is what it's all about. A total of 40 teams playing basketball, and THE ROCK and Da Pimp'l agree that Underwood is the team to beat. These guys are absolutely LOADED! They really only lack a true big man, but they more than make up for it everywhere else. Old School lost four key players (to Underwood), but they hit the recruiting trail and should be right back in the thick of things. Diversity II can match starters with almost anybody, but the bench gets a little thin. We think that Hooters might think twice about giving up their big mar from last semester. We'll see what happens in the next

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